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1. UBALDO ZITO, ASSISTANT TO MICHEL CARPENTIER, EC COMMISSION
DIRECTOR FOR ENVIRONMENT, GAVE US THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
REGARDING THE US-EC ENVIRONMENT MEETING TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON
ON FEBRUARY 7-8.

A. TOPICS - THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO:

1) DISCUSS THE EPIDEMIOLOGY STUDIES BEING UNDERTAKEN BY
THE US AND THE COMMISSION AS TO THE RESULTS THAT HVE
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ALREADY BEEN REACHED AND POSSIBILITIES FOR WORKING

TOGETHER ON THESE STUDIES.

2) EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES FOR TOXICITY TESTING OF CERTAIN POLLUTANTS.

3) EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON METHODS OF ANALYZING AND MEASURING CERTAIN POLLUTANTS, NAMELY: LEAD, CARBON MONOXIDE, SULPHUR COMPOUNDS AND SUSPENDED PARTICLES. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF KNOWLEDGE ON THE HARMFULNESS OF THE ABOVE POLLUTANTS.

B. COMMISSION OFFICIALS TO ATTEND MEETINGS:

MICHEL CARPENTIER, PIERRE RECHT, JAN SMEETS, ALEXANDER BERLIN, PHILIPPE BORDEAU.

2. ZITO TOLD US THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING OF THE U.S.-EC "COORDINATING COMMITTEE" ON THE AFTERNOON OF FEB 8 TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN THESE TALKS AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

3. ZITO VOLUNTEERED THE PRESENT THINKING OF THE COMMISSION ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT ON US-EC ENVIRONMENT COOPERATION. HE SAID THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO FORMALIZE THE US-EC COOPERATION BY AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN COMMISSIONER SCHARSCIA-MUGNOZZA AND THE APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIAL. SCARASCIA WOULD OBTAIN EC COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO SIGN FOR THE COMMISSION. THE EC COUNCIL WOULD BE "ADVISED" OF THE COMMISSION'S ACTION. THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN LATE SPRING PRIOR TO SCARASCIA'S PROJECT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES (SEE REF B.). WE SUGGESTED THAT CARPENTIER MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS THIS IDEA INFORMALLY IN WASHINGTON.

4. ZITO ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE COMMISSION WAS DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION PROGRAMS WITH JAPAN, CANADA AND SWEDEN. GREENWALD UNQUOTE RUSH

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